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Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

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When children do the right things, for the right reasons, with the right attitude they will get joy and God will get glory.

1. Doing the right things – “Children, obey your parents...” What Paul is saying is that we need to have an ear that is listening and a heart that is ready to obey.

Example – “White-water rafting”

When we fail to listen and obey those that God has placed in authority over us we can bring hurt and harm not only to ourselves but to others as well.

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2. For the right reasons - *...in the Lord, for this is right.*

What Paul is saying is that the main way a child can live to please God is to obey his/her parents.

Jesus is the person you are obeying when you obey your parents.

Jesus gives you the power to obey when obeying is hard to do.

3. With the right attitude - *"Honor your father and mother..."*

We honor our parents by the way-

- **We speak to them**
- **We speak about them**
- **Submit to their authority**
- **Accept their discipline and instruction**

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4. They will get the joy and God will get the glory – “which is the first commandment with a promise— *3”that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”*

**God promises that there will be a quality of life.
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